

## DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

### APRIL 2024

#### LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

In April, Administration staff conducted interviews for the Admin Associate role and the Assistant Director. Both positions have been filled, and training is underway. We still have an open position for HR Associate to fill.

Happ Builders has substantially completed phase two of the project, Administration offices. This allowed Henricksen to come in earlier than planned to install furniture. Admin staff will be able to move back into their spaces in the first half of May.



Managers submitted budget requests for next year in March, so Mary Myers was able to compile everything into the overall spreadsheet this month. Melissa Gardner and I reviewed it, but Mary did the bulk of the work on the budget this year.

## EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- PLA Conference, 4/2-4/5
- CCS
  - Bylaws and Policy Committee 4/9
  - Executive Committee 4/10
  - Long Range Planning Committee 4/22
- Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries planning 4/10
- Construction meetings 4/10, 4/24
- Friends of the Library President/VP meeting 4/18
- Dashlane password manager training 4/18
- Alera health insurance broker meetings 4/22, 4/26
- Rotary Club meeting 4/23
- POC Board meeting 4/25
- Foundation meeting 4/25
- Volunteer luncheon 4/25



*Jeannie Dilger*



## COMMON ACRONYMS USED

- ALA – American Library Association
- CCS – Cooperative Computer System, our shared library catalog
- CPLA – Certified Public Library Administrators program
- FOL – Friends of the Library
- NHB – North Hoffman Branch library
- ILA – Illinois Library Association
- IMRF – Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- ISL – Illinois State Library
- LIRA – Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency, our property/casualty insurance pool
- PLA – Public Library Association
- POC – Partners for Our Communities
- RAILS – Reaching Across Illinois Library System, the state agency that provides support to libraries in northern Illinois
- RRB – Rand Road Branch library
- TIF – tax increment financing

# PALATINE JOURNAL

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...er to be built by Orest Express on Rand Road in Palatine.

## Building Coming To Palatine

...for their fleet vehicles, and serve as their distribution point.

Orest's business plan indicates an expansion of the existing business to include 40 employees and 75-80 drivers. The hours of operation will be 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., which includes office hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The parking lot includes 83 typical parking spaces (4 handicap spaces), exceeding the required 85 spaces, and 85 trailer spaces and 18 truck docking spaces.

An updated Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) was submitted as part of the Planned Development. The TIS confirms sufficient capacity for the anticipated traffic, and adequate traffic systems along Rand Road, with a less than 1% increase in daily traffic with the development. The northern access will be right-in/right-out only and the southern access will provide full access to the site. Per the TIS, all of the truck traffic will utilize the northern right-in/right-out

access and the entrance will be signed accordingly.

A nearby Brentwood Estates resident discussed the potential noise impacts from the use and stormwater management impacts to the Cook County Forest Preserves. Village staff notes that a condition of the development requires compliance with the zoning ordinance performance standards, including noise generation.

The petitioner also noted that the noises generated by the truck distribution should be minimal, as the fleet provides dry transportation only, without refrigerant services.

Additionally, councilmen approved a resolution of support for the filing of a 6B Cook County Tax Classification application. This program is designed to encourage industrial/manufacturing development through the reduction of a property's tax assessment over a 12-year period.

## Village Returning \$2.75 Million In TIF Surplus

By **RICHARD MAYER**  
Associate Editor

The village of Palatine is giving back \$2.75 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) surplus funding to local taxing bodies.

A TIF district is an economic redevelopment tool used by communities to spur investment in a particular geographic area.

The village established the Rand/Lake Cook TIF District in 2012. As of Dec. 31, 2023, the finance department determined that a \$1.25 million "surplus" was available in the district's TIF account. The estimated surplus distribution is as follows:

- Dist. 15 - \$468,710
- Dist. 211 - \$ 345,750
- Village of Palatine - \$128,630
- Palatine Park District - \$81,250
- Cook County - \$55,000
- Harper College - \$52,380
- Palatine Library - \$44,130
- Palatine Township - \$14,890
- Other agencies - \$59,260

The village established the Rand Road Corridor TIF District in 2003 and similarly, as of Dec. 31, 2023, the finance department determined that a \$1.5 million "surplus" was available. The estimated surplus distribution is as follows:

- Dist. 15 - \$562,500
- Dist. 211 - \$414,900

- Village of Palatine - \$154,350
- Palatine Park District - \$97,500
- Cook County - \$66,000
- Harper College - \$62,850
- Palatine Library - \$52,950
- Palatine Township - \$17,850
- Other agencies- \$71,100.

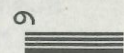
These funds will be sent to Cook County, which will distribute the funds to the appropriate taxing agencies based on their pro rata share of the total tax rate. After receiving the surplus funds, the county's distribution process is estimated to take approximately 30-60 days.

Village Manager Reid Ottesen told village councilmen Monday (April 15) that over the last 14 years, \$36.4 million has been given back to local community agencies that serve residents.

"This is a huge success for the village and other taxing bodies," Ottesen said.

Councilmen Scott Lamerand (2nd) credited Ottesen, his staff, and village employees.

"We have given back \$36 million to other taxing bodies while our entire tax levy is \$22 million on an annual basis and to do that within 14 years... that is not taking into consideration future growth," Lamerand said. He also praised how the village will be debt free soon and how it has never compromised services.



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Palatine | Local Event

# ESL Read Together

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# ESL Read Together



## Event Details

Wed, May 22, 2024 at 1:00 PM

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Palatine Library District, 700 N North Ct, Palatine, IL, 60067

[More info here](#)

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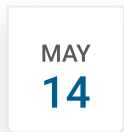
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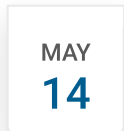
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🕒 Tuesday, 3:00 am 📍 Palatine, IL

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### Mind Games: The Science of Perception

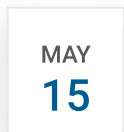
🕒 Tuesday, 7:00 pm 📍 Palatine, IL



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### Untraditional-yet-authentic Chinese fried chicken, fried rice, and more from 3LP! Order by Wednesday

🕒 Wednesday, 3:00 pm 📍 Palatine, IL



# Palatine Library District Names New Assistant Director

**Public**

May 10, 2024

Palatine Library District is happy to announce the promotion of Susan Conner to Assistant Director after the position was vacated by Melissa Gardner, who was promoted to Executive Director starting in July 2024.

Conner has been the Technology Manager at Palatine Library for the past eight years and has been on staff for 18 years in various positions. She earned her master's in library and information science from the University of Alabama. She currently serves as a board member in the LACONI Technology Section and is on the 2024 ILA Conference Program Committee.



Conner has been a vital part of the Library's management team and has implemented several technology innovations and services, including managing our new makerspace, The Workshop.

"I'm excited and honored to move into this role and focus on our new strategic plan. We have an exceptional team and a wonderful community," states Susan Conner.

The vision of Palatine Library District is to inspire connection, curiosity, and joy. The District serves approximately 90,000 residents predominantly within the communities of Palatine and Hoffman Estates.



**Reaching Across Illinois Library System**

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**Palatine** is exploring a possible tax increment financing **district** on land along and adjacent to Dundee Road between Route 53 and Baldwin Road.

The 44-acre area includes a vacant Holiday Inn Express along with 23 other buildings and 17 tax parcels.

"It's a very small area that's being looked at," Village Manager Reid Ottesen said. "Whatever is going to take place up there is going to need a lot of infrastructure assistance."

Ottesen said the village council on Monday will decide whether to set up an Interested Parties Registry for residents or organizations to receive information if the **TIF district** is approved.

That is the first step in a process that will include a May 29 Joint Review Board meeting with potentially impacted taxing bodies "such as school, park and library districts" followed by a public hearing and potential approval by the council.

A **TIF district** is an economic development tool that freezes property taxes within the **district's** boundaries at current levels, usually for 23 years. During that time, **new** property tax revenue created through **new** development is diverted from local governments and placed in a special village account, from which it's used to pay for improvements within the **district**.

The village hired SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC in August 2023 to conduct a redevelopment project area feasibility study and prepare a redevelopment plan. Friedman's draft report determined that the proposed **district** would qualify as a "conservation area" under **TIF** rules.

At least three-quarters of the primary structures are 35 years old or older, the report states. There is also lack of growth in assessed value, deterioration, structures below minimum code standards and inadequate utilities, according to the report.

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